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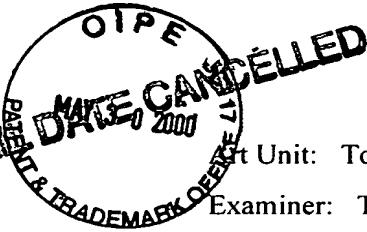
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Dear et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated 13 April 2000, be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from 13 May 2000 to and including 13 June 2000.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

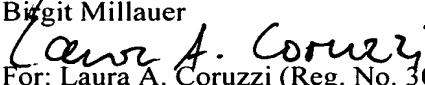
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